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"I'm not normally a praying man, but if you're up there; please help me Superman!"

AN INTERVIEW WITH GRAHAM BIRDSALL

DAVE BAKER: Graham, how did you first become interested in the UFO phenomeon?

It was the winter of 1967. I was returning home from school to my parents house in North Leeds when approximately 100 yards from the front gate I was struck by the sudden appearance of a brilliant orb of light. It was as brilliant as the full moon, roughly half the size only oval-shaped. This thing appeared from nowhere, hovered for a while but then began to move slowly to the West, taking it over the rooftops (it was about 45 degrees angle above horizon). It had no sound and no other discernible features, such as navigation lights etc. In order to follow its progress I dashed in through the front door and out into the back garden, which took all of 5 seconds. Once outside I immediately looked up expecting to see this thing directly above - but nothing. I ran to the foot of what is a very long garden to look back over the rooftop, affording me a wide view of the skyline, but this thing had vanished. It was clear star-lit evening and it was impossible for that object to have vanished in the manner that it did.

I was not the slightest bit interested in UFOs up until that point, but I knew I had witnessed something that was completely out of the ordinary - even for a 13-year-old - and I have been looking for possible explanations ever since.

Can you remember your very first case, and the first case that really got you excited?

The first time I got to grips with a case of some merit was around 1970-71. I'd investigated several reports on behalf of Contact International (UK), the Oxford-based organisation prior to that, but nothing that really stood out to cling to memory. A group of police officers based at Wetherby here in West Yorkshire had chased a UFO late at night in two police vehicles to the outskirts of York.

I spent an entire evening interviewing half-a-dozen officers at Wetherby police station and then took photographs taken by a police photographer of the object to Dr. Jakeways,

head of Physics at Leeds University. He determined that the object was in fact Venus - which I suspected all along - and then later publicly rebuked the police for a waste of resources in the *Yorkshire Post*.

It was a fascinating case in that it brought so many strands of becoming an accomplished investigator into play.

As the editor of a monthly self-produced magazine, *Project Red Book*, I am obviously interested in how your original newsletter evolved into the successful news-stand glossy we see today...

UFO Magazine is alternate monthly actually, but to be successful in any walk of life you have to put in a considerable amount of effort and be totally committed to what you believe in. That involves considerable self-sacrifice, both in terms of your personal life and that of your immediate family and friends, plus a willingness to dip into your own pocket whenever the need arises. The original newsletter we put out came under the Contact International (UK) banner in the mid-70s (I was regional co-ordinator). We had 20 subscribers.

Later, as our readership grew, we formed the Yorkshire UFO Society back in 1981. Later still, we changed the name to Quest International - a natural progression to embrace UK and international interest. At that time we were producing a magazine on Roto-Offset. We formed the company in 1989 and then in 1994 launched Britain's first national news-stand title on the subject - *UFO Magazine*. That was a huge financial gamble, not least because it had never been done before and no one could predict within the publishing industry how it would fair.

I never doubted for a moment that it would succeed, but I had a hard time convincing others. At the end of the day, when you remortgage your house because you think you can turn a dream into reality, it has to be a judgement call. Had I not gone ahead, I believe I would have spent the remainder of my days thinking, "could it have succeeded?"

But I had reached a point where combining my full-time occupation as a Class 1 (HGV) driver with producing a subscription-only magazine meant spending little time with my family. Some hobbies can be fun to a point, but when you are spending every waking moment split between driving for up to 12 hours a day, and the rest, including weekends working on a magazine, holding regular meetings, conferences etc., the workload catches up with you.

What better way, I thought, than to do what I call a labour of love, on a full-time basis?

Do you feel that you have learned anything since your first investigations?

Well of course, not least about myself. I've made numerous mistakes along the way, but always tried to learn from them.

As far as the subject goes, when compared with the 1970s and 1980s, what Ufology has learned in the past decade is, to my mind, unprecedented. The world has shrunk, thanks in no small part to the Internet, but these days it is not uncommon to find researchers travelling to different parts of the globe to obtain facts first hand.

Twenty years ago that was extremely rare. When my colleague Russel Callaghan visited Mexico last December, we made a number of startling discoveries through talking with people who had a great deal to share with us. Since then, we have done a little more digging and at this year's 19th Leeds International UFO Conference (15-17 September) we will draw reference to three stunning revelations.

Two of these will upset some in Mexico, while the other will draw support.

There's so much one could add in terms of what I would label 'breakthroughs' in UFO research, but in general terms, when taken collectively, they add up to one thing: some UFOs, by definition 'extraterrestrial', are real.

Many of my interviewees in earlier issues admit that they have had complete turn-arounds in their thoughts about UFOs. Has your

opinion on UFOs changed from your initial ideas?

Not really. As I stated earlier, some UFOs are indeed extraterrestrial. I've gone down the path of exploring all the other possibilities, many of which have merit and many of which unquestionably can and do account for the majority of UFO sightings. But there remains that small residue that defies explanation and, when faced with incidents that fall under that bracket, the debunkers either ignore them completely or produce staggering 'explanations' which are their trade mark. The article in our current July/August issue of *UFO Magazine* on Phil Klass is a classic example.

But remember, when you are in a position such as my mine, where you come across a vast day-to-day flow of information, you invariably see and hear things which, over a period of years, points you in certain directions. You utilise that in the process of research and investigation and, importantly, elimination. Determining where to devote your time and resources comes with experience. It's a term some people dislike, but there really is no substitute for experience.

Have you had any more UFO sightings since the first one in 1967?

I've seen several strange aerial objects since – and I do mean 'objects' – which defy rational explanation. Three amber-coloured objects performing a dazzling series of acrobatics above Headingley, Leeds at the dead of night in 1980; a silver-coloured 'sphere' over Middleton, Leeds in broad daylight and witnessed by at least 30 others the following year; a bright 'fireball' over my previous home in Whitkirk, Leeds late at night that proceeded to do an impossible right-angle turn at a similarly impossible speed; a bright daylight 'sphere' over Rio while in Brazil back in 1996 and a similar 'sphere' which appeared over Curitiba, Brazil the very next day, also in broad daylight. I filmed both of these incidentally with my camcorder.

We seem to have interviewed mainly sceptics in PRB, but you are obviously more open-minded in your belief that some UFOs are extra-terrestrial in nature...

"Don't be an apologist Ufologist" cries my good friend and colleague Stanton T. Friedman. There are too many 'apologist Ufologists' in my opinion, but I've stated my position and I stand by it. By the same token I respect the views and opinions of others - even the sceptics (and there are some bonifide and excellent sceptics around to be sure) - but the minority of 'noisy negativists' who resort to mud slinging and name-calling (and sometimes worse) should best be ignored.

Is this a gut-feeling, or based on evidence you have seen over the years?

Without wishing to repeat myself, my stance is based on the evidence I have seen with my own eyes these past 30 years. I had a 'gut feeling' that England would do well in this year's European Championship...

What would you say are the 3 strongest case reports either for the ETH, or merely that the UFO phenomenon has at it's heart something truly unusual?

I really don't believe it's possible to cite the top three case events, although there have been several excellent reports published in recent years which have attempted to follow this particular path. Dr. Peter Sturrock and his team, along with the COMITA people are but two examples.

The Varginha incident from Brazil is a truly outstanding case, Cash-Landrum, Travis Walton likewise. Where do you start and where do you end? Roswell? Rendlesham? What of UFO and pilot encounters? UFO footage from here on Earth or taken in outer space? What of incidents in Russia, China and elsewhere around the world? What of the kids in Zimbabwe whose accounts of seeing a UFO and their occupants are among the most riveting I have ever seen?

Taken collectively, these and thousands more like them point to something truly unusual. Anyone who maintains they don't, that they and others like them can all be rationally explained still probably believe that Nasa didn't really find evidence of water on the moon back in 1994.

Although some of the 'believer' end of the spectrum are often ridiculed, some of the debunker ideas are just as crazy. What are the stupidest 'rational' explanations for UFO reports you have heard?

Got a week to spare? The debunkers use of Venus to explain the Livingston, Scotland close encounter was and remains a classic. When that failed they took on the role of psychologist and medical practitioner in one when they said the poor forestry worker had a fit of some kind. They tried Venus again with the incident over New Zealand, even though it hadn't risen and was in the wrong part of the sky, and Klass tried it once more with the January, 2000 incident over Ohio.

I've come across some whoppers that defy belief, such as a guy in the audience at a lecture we gave at Manchester Town Hall last year who claimed that a fleet of approximately 100 'spheres' crossing the skies of Mexico in broad daylight were actually stars.

They keep coming but are actually counter-productive to the goals of those sceptics and debunkers who genuinely present reasoned argument, supported by definitive evidence, to counter and/or explain certain events.

UFO Magazine and it's sister publication *The Unopened Files* are, I think-with the exception of *Fortean Times*- the only paranormal/UFO magazines to survive the 'boom' of two or three years ago. Why do you think your publications still sell when *Encounters*, *Sightings*, and the rest have folded?

First let me correct you. *Unopened Files* is not a paranormal magazine. You need to re-visit that particularly publication and you will quickly appreciate the fact.

Second, I loathe the term paranormal being associated with UFOs. It brackets us with ghosts, Bigfoot, Loch ness and anything else you care to describe. If the day should ever dawn when these other topics accumulate over 10,000 hours of camcorder footage, over 30,000 hitherto classified documents, over 400 radar tapes and over 4,000 ground traces then I will stand corrected.

As for the main thrust of your question: The subject was never popular enough with the general public to support four UFO magazine titles. UFO Magazine was the first, and when others followed we had already established a loyal readership. The other titles were soon found wanting in terms of their knowledge and expertise on the UFO subject in general. The media tried and failed to get authoritative comment from the people who worked on these magazines on countless occasions. "CIA report on UFOs? er, sorry, can't help you..."

If memory serves me right, the last editor who worked on 'Encounters' magazine previously edited a fishing magazine. She knew absolutely nothing about the UFO subject whatsoever - period. Interestingly, it was noticeable that as these magazines were coming to an end, they made a point of pleading with people not to telephone them, but to write in. Well, we can be reached during the week and also outside normal office hours. If a journalist requires a comment at 11.00am Saturday morning for a piece he is writing for the next day's issue, he knows where to come. If a radio station in the US requires an interview at 4.00am our time, we make it a point of setting the alarm clock for an early call. It happens regularly. That's the difference. We work long and hard at what we do and often while the rest of the country is enjoying a peaceful night's sleep.

Experience. The lack of it is what did for the other magazine titles.

Recently, PRB has expanded it's scope to take in other aspects of paranormal phenomena. I notice that some time ago Quest already took that step. Why was this?

If by the term 'Quest' you are bracketing us as an organisation, then I must point out we are nothing of the kind. 'Quest International' ceased when Tony Dodd retired from the scene. Those of who work on *UFO Magazine* dropped our organisational tag some years before that. There is no 'Quest International' and there is no 'Quest', other than that which forms part of our company name, Quest Publications International Limited.

UFO Magazine has no particular interest as stated before in other aspects of the paranormal, although we recognise that some UFO groups and organisations use the term 'paranormal' in their title. Where we do

introduce UFO-related topics from time to time is in the fields of science, astronomy, aviation etc.

Some people complain that UFO magazine is a little light on articles of a sceptical nature. Do you agree?

Aspiring to a balanced perspective is vital to the integrity of any publication, and I make it a point to include articles which offer opposing views, particularly in the correspondence section. But in all honesty, few articles of a sceptical or debunking nature cross my desk. When we have people who write in to claim that no UFO document has ever been stamped 'Top Secret' released by the PRO, we can counter that with facts to the contrary. When people stand up and argue that the bulk of 'spheres' seen in formation over Mexico are nothing more than balloons, we can counter that also, as those that attend the Leeds conference in September will discover.

I remember that *UFO Magazine* was never taken in by the Santilli Alien Autopsy film, and remember being present at Leeds University when you deconstructed the entire case.). Our last interviewee was with Paul Fuller who also discredited the film. What do you consider the main points that prove that the film was hoaxed?

There were over 70 identified flaws with previous statements issued by Ray and his supporters by the time Alien Autopsy had run its course. President Truman's alleged appearance at the observation window, attested to by Ray in front of Reg Presley and Colin Andrews was a defining moment. But I worked on documents obtained from Companies House and knew full well that Ray had established the mechanisms to milk the footage for all it was worth long before he showed it to an invited audience at the Museum of London on 5 May, 1995. Prior to that, Stanton T. Friedman, the original investigator on the Roswell Incident had spent several hours with Ray in his London office, but was refused a look at the footage.

We are still waiting 5 years on to see a single 16mm frame of the alleged cine-footage from which the video tape was supposedly derived. The red stop light should have been switched on at the first indication that there was a

problem with Ray's story, but sadly some in Ufology sided with Ray and they have to be held to account.

What has made you most proud during your last few years?

Launching Britain's first news-stand UFO publication.

Expanding same publication to enable it to appear in some 42 countries abroad.

Managing to keep same publication going for the best part of 6 years!

Staging the first ever UFO conference in Dublin, Ireland and watching UFO researchers and enthusiasts from the North and South meet up for the first time and exchange handshakes long before the peace process got underway.

Staging numerous UFO conferences at towns and cities across the country and bringing over from distant shores most of the leading figures in international UFO research.

Staging 'Monuments to Life' and 'The Terrestrial Connection' conferences at London, Solihull and Leeds.

Representing British Ufology at numerous overseas conferences.

Your Conferences are very successful and you have allowed UK audiences to see UFO researchers from all around the world on the lecture stand. Who are you the most proud of bringing across the waters, and is there anyone who in retrospect you wish you had left where they were!

I've invited many, many speakers to these shores and with very few exceptions all have been favourably received. I won't mention the one or two individuals who, in hindsight, I would have preferred had stayed put out of common courtesy, but they know who they are!

We all have our favourite speakers, but again, it would be churlish of me to single any one

individual out as being right up there at the top of the tree.

Who have you most enjoyed working with throughout the years?

Without exception, I have enjoyed working alongside all those who have contributed to the success of the company, and those researchers with whom I have become good friends with over the past 30 years, both at home and abroad.

Do you think that there is a UFO cover-up by governments around the world?

Not a collective cover-up, no. Do you think that the US could go hand in glove to places such as Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya or China and ask them to be a party to the UFO cover-up?

However, there is no doubt in my mind that the US and UK are in bed together on this thing, and have been since 1947.

Is it true that you and your brother Mark applied to join the British Secret Service many years ago?

No. Take a look at the articles that Mark and I feature in *Unopened Files* and you and anyone else will quickly put that rumour to bed once and for all.

Do you still see anything of Tony Dodd, and what do you think of his latest book?

I haven't spoken with Tony since his book appeared, although Mark, being a relatively close neighbour in North Yorkshire, does still keep in touch. I thought Tony's book was a sincere and honest attempt to encapsulate what he had experienced and later uncovered as a very active and highly proficient UFO investigator. His departure from the UFO scene is Ufology's loss in my opinion.

Have you ever been harrassed or threatened by sinister forces? Or even other ufologists!

No.

Who do you think is doing the most important work in the UFO field today?

Dr. Colin Ridyard, Dr. Roger Leir and several others who I prefer not to mention at this time.

There are thousands of 'UFO photographs', most of which are faked, and others which are highly dubious. Do you think that any of them still hold up to scrutiny?

Of course, but actually UFO photographs are becoming more of a rarity these days, replaced for the most part by the camcorder.

Tell us about the latest video available from UFO magazine featuring UFO footage taken in space. I haven't seen it yet, but internet scuttlebut hail it as anything from mere ice particles to the ultimate proof of alien spacecraft...

The Nasa clips featured on The Secret NASA Transmissions: 'The Smoking Gun' are but a tiny portion of some 2,500 hours of Nasa footage recorded by Martyn Stubbs, who hails from Vancouver, Canada. It's a long and somewhat complicated story, hence our reason for posting it on our website (ufomag.co.uk) along with streamed video segments and audio clips.

Martyn will be speaking at the Leeds Conference this September and so too will L.L. Wille, another individual who has acquired a considerable amount of footage from Nasa containing evidence of anomalous activity in space.

You should see the footage and/or attend the conference to get the big picture, but I know from talking with a lot of people on both sides of the pond that our making this material available to the public has upset the apple cart in some government quarters, as well as inside Nasa itself.

There has also been rumours that a major announcement will be made from the world governments concerning the alien presence. Is this likely?

Yes, but what form it may take is

undetermined at this time. I do know that senior religious figures have been put on notice.

Graham, a quick game of soundbytes. I'll give you a number of topics, and you give a few short, sharp words with your opinions on them...

Roswell...

More to this incident than anyone will probably ever know. Check out our upcoming September/October issue of *UFO Magazine* and you will see what I mean. When the late Congressman Steve Schiff launched the GAO investigation back in 1994, I found it intriguing to say the least that all records from the 509th at Roswell AAF for that period in July, 1947 (and beyond) had been "illegally destroyed".

Ed Walters & Gulf Breeze...

I believe Ed Walters did see and photograph some UFO activity, but then resorted to dubious means to cater for the world-wide interest in his story by coming up with more and more images, though I hasten to add there is no definitive evidence to support this theory.

What puzzles me about this case is that many, many other residents in the region saw the self-same object as depicted in Ed's photographs. Some managed to photograph and film them at the same time. I've never met Ed Walters or travelled to Gulf Breeze, but those that have met with Ed describe him as a man of integrity.

The 'Templeton' photograph...

I'm uncertain on this one. We did a piece on this photograph some years ago and when we got through to Mr. Templeton's home, his wife answered the telephone and said to hang on because her husband was in his darkroom....

Animal Mutilations...

A real mystery, the genuine cases that is. Our colleague David Cayton has done some stirring work in this field and I wish he would receive more support than he does. The fact that not one single person has ever been brought to task

over this monstrous series of animal mutilations since the early 1960s speaks for itself.

Nick Pope...

If someone of similar stature and rank in the US had come out and said and written what has been attributed to Nick Pope these past few years, all hell would have broken loose. In that context one can appreciate what he has singularly achieved.

The Howden Moor Incident...

A question of interpretation. I go with the majority thinking.

The Trent photograph...

100% genuine.

Kenneth Arnold saw pelicans...

Read Jerome Clark's superb *Encyclopedia of UFOs* and you will appreciate that sceptics and debunkers couldn't distinguish between a flying pelican and a pelican crossing if they saw one!

Rendlesham...

A new book is coming out around October/November which will shed new light on this incident. I'm satisfied that a major incident did take place involving some type of structured craft which confused, mystified and rattled a hell of a lot of people. The one glaring fact to come out of this is that High Point Prison in Suffolk was on the point of being evacuated due to an impending emergency. That tells me that someone, somewhere, knew in advance what was going to take place.

I believe there will be more revelations to come that will surprise a great many people on both sides of the debate.

Lastly Graham, what do readers of *UFO Magazine* and *The Unopened Files* have to look forward to over the next few months?

A cracking conference at Leeds this September, some superb articles penned in for both *UFO Magazine* and *Unopened Files* and some excellent news for readers of both titles throughout North America.

Thanks Graham, for taking the time out from a busy schedule to take part in an entertaining and informative interview.

MIND PHANTOMS

(Helen Phillips, Source: *New Scientist* July 8, 2000)

THERE'S nothing supernatural about ghosts, doppelgängers and out-of-body experiences, says a Swiss neuroscientist. They are simply phantom sensations like a phantom limb, he says, but spread to the whole body.

People experience phantom limbs--the sense that an amputated limb is still present--when the part of the brain that normally senses the limb loses those signals (*New Scientist*, 17 June, p 27). Peter Brugger of the University Hospital in Zurich says that doppelgängers, in which people are aware of phantom "doubles" of themselves, have a similar origin.

Some people actually see their double, often as a mirror image. This may be the result of damage to visual areas of the brain that affect the way we sense our body, says Brugger. Others merely feel the presence of a double without actually seeing one. He believes that these doubles are generated when the parietal lobes, the regions responsible for the distinction between body and surrounding space, are damaged.

Out-of-body experiences, where a person "sees" their body from the outside, may be caused by temporary overactivity of certain brain regions. "Excitability of the temporal lobes seems to be a plausible explanation," says Brugger. These regions are connected to the parietal lobes and are sensitive to visual signals, low levels of oxygen and emotional arousal.

Brugger believes the brain could account for other paranormal experiences: "Ghosts are probably nothing more but also nothing less than phantoms of the body."

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: VICTORIA-STYLE...THE SEARCH FOR CADDY

Esquimalt (British Columbia.) News | 30 June 2000

Matt Ramsey, Weekend Edition staff

You'd think if there was a strange beast lurking off the coast of Victoria, they'd have found it by now. Then again, finding it really isn't the point, is it?

The quest for the elusive (some might say non-existent) Cadborosaurus continued earlier this month, with a brief and far more successful search for the docks of Port Sidney.

Three cars left downtown Victoria early on the morning of June 14 under grey skies and a light mist, to rendez-vous with Dr. Ed Bousfield, 74--Cadborosaurus researcher, former chief zoologist with the Canadian Museum of Nature and co-author of *Cadborosaurus: Survivor From the Deep*.

The vehicles carried an independent documentary film crew from Vancouver and *Survivor From the Deep* co-author Dr. Paul LeBlond (a former professor of oceanography at UBC) and a *Weekend Edition* reporter. We stopped on the way to pick up 28-year-old Jason Walton, a Saanich resident who has established this summer's high-tech Caddy Scan.

The plan was to meet up with Bousfield and Cadborosaurus eyewitness Dave Holt at Port Sidney, take a short boat ride to the area where Holt claims he saw the beast raise its head from the ocean, and let the documentary crew do its thing.

The Bousfield mission was accomplished in typical movie style; three stops and half an hour later than planned.

No matter. LeBlond, a heavyset, 61-year-old, grey-bearded fellow with a deep, resonant voice and a firm belief in the veracity of Cadborosaurus, was primed.

LeBlond first got interested in stories of Caddy--the serpentine, reptilian animal that some claim is Victoria's version of the Loch Ness monster--as an untenured assistant professor at UBC 32 years ago. LeBlond has

yet to see the animal himself, but has interviewed hundreds of eyewitnesses and pored through archival materials, looking for proof that such a beast does indeed exist--rather than being the figment of human imagination.

It's a "hobby" that LeBlond admits may never come to fruition. But, he adds, finding the creature is not necessarily the point.

"The probability of seeing Caddy is perhaps very small; it's seen so rarely. But if one doesn't look, one will never see (it). So this is the spirit that moves this kind of investigation," he explains.

"There's a small possibility that, in spite of all the evidence that we seem to have, there is a fundamental flaw in all of this and (Caddy is) not there. Again, in the spirit of discovery, you don't have to be sure it's there to look for it."

Scientists, says LeBlond, estimate there are thousands of species of fish and marine animals swimming undiscovered in the depths. Witness the megamouth shark, coelacanth and previous unseen species of deep sea octopus. If those creatures can exist for thousands (if not millions) of years without getting entangled in ship anchor chains or inadvertently cruising through the spotlights of submersibles, why not Caddy?

Victoria's favourite sea monster, if indeed it actually exists, would be hard to miss. Based on alleged eyewitness reports, LeBlond, Bousfield and Walton have given Caddy shape.

According to their profile of the beast, Cadborosaurus can grow to over 18 metres in length, can move through the water with the speed and agility of a Jet-Ski, and has such distinct features that nobody who comes face-to-face with the animal could mistake it for anything other than a sea monster.

Its head, they say, has horse-like, elongated features and a mouth studded with a

carnivore's teeth. Caddy eats, the *Weekend Edition* was informed, whatever hapless fish happens to get in the way and is also not averse to snacking on seabirds. Its body is thick and covered in fine scales. Like most land serpents (such as the garter snake), Caddy would also have a distinctive, repugnant odour.

Like most marine reptiles, it comes ashore to bear its young. The difference is, stresses Bousfield, that Caddy bears live young. Two people from Greater Victoria claim to have captured baby Caddies, only to release the serpents—according to Bousfield.

Some of the strongest visual evidence for the existence of *Cadborosaurus* is found in a set of black and white photographs taken in the Queen Charlotte Islands in the 1930s. Naden Harbour whalers snapped the pictures after hauling a shrivelled and extended expanse of bony meat from the belly of a whale.

Depending on who you believe (or maybe more importantly, what you want to believe), the photos either show a partially digested baby Caddy or a fetal baleen whale. The carcass was put on display for a week in Bellevue, Wash., before being sent to Victoria for examination and disposal.

“Unfortunately, the only person available at the museum was the director, who was not trained in vertebrate biology, and he misidentified the material as a fetal baleen whale. Of course that was totally wrong,” says Bousfield. Because the recovered “thing” was presumably dumped at sea (no samples were taken and no body parts stored away), present-day Caddy seekers lost perhaps the single most important piece of solid evidence they could ever hope for.

Of course, they claim to have lost more evidence since then.

There are the proverbial stories of witnesses who have taken a roll of film of the creature, only to drop their cameras into the brine. There's also the claims that fishers have snagged baby Caddies but then, after allegedly listening to their pitiful screams, released the “evidence” into the ocean. But the search for Caddy has gone on. If LeBlond, Bousfield, Walton and other true believers are right, Caddy's favourite birthing grounds are on the shores of the Saanich Peninsula. The summer months of June, July

and August are the best times to look for the beast for yourself.

Which is exactly what Caddy Scan is all about, says Walton, as the film crew loads its equipment onto Dave Holt's boat.

Walton is the youngest of the monster trio. At 28, with a wild mane of dreadlocks and a taste for the unusual, Walton admits he has no scientific background other than a consuming interest in all things cryptozoological.

His goal is to capture Caddy—not physically, but on film. Hence Caddy Scan, a project where video cameras are set up on shore in areas where Caddy has allegedly been spotted. There are two cameras operating right now (one at Ten Mile Point and the other in Saanich Inlet).

Using what Walton calls a digital detective system, the cameras are motion activated and can shoot at night with high resolution. The hope is that by having the cameras in place, witnesses (if there are any) will be able to avoid the “monster moment”: that point when you see or experience something totally alien and are rendered momentarily useless because of the shock of it all.

As Bousfield explains, “People, even people with cameras, are so astonished by what this thing is that their brains turn to jelly. They're paralyzed, they don't do anything and by the time they reach for their cameras, down it goes.”

Which is exactly what Holt, captain of a Sidney-based tour boat, claims happened when he and a boatload of tourists came upon Caddy seven years ago.

Everybody on the vessel saw it, Holt remembers, but nobody took a picture.

“We just saw this huge disturbance and then this huge, enormous head come up out of the water,” Holt recalls, both on camera for the film crew in tow and off camera to the *Weekend Edition*.

“It was just big and ugly...We thought, well, maybe it was just a very large elephant seal. But it was just too big to be an elephant seal.” Holt told a few people about his strange sighting, but never went public with it, he says, out of fear of ridicule.

That fear of ridicule isn't stopping Bousfield,

LeBlond and Walton. They are absolutely convinced Caddy is out there.

"This is not like flying saucers. It doesn't stretch the imagination too much to believe that there might be animals that we have not yet discovered," says LeBlond.

"It's rare, but it's there," claims Bousfield.

The film crew on hand this day also seems sure, which is perhaps not a surprise considering the When-Good-Pets-Go-Bad-and-X-Files fare on TV these days.

Says the film producer between cellular phone calls, "There are no scientists who have seen it, but there are people who have connections with scientific sources that have seen it and they're very credible people. We don't really care if we see it. What we care about are the people who have seen it.

"People have always had a fascination with dragons, large serpents and things like that. Human beings seem to be drawn to that, as kind of a mythic archetype--kind of like wild, hairy men and a bunch of the other monsters out there," says the film producer.

"They're not UFO 'nuts'. They're people who are going about this pretty scientifically and trying to really establish a method of identifying this thing. There are too many sightings by credible people to completely write this off."

So, if Caddy does exist outside the minds and imaginations of a few hundred witnesses and if the Naden Harbour specimen was much more than a decayed fetal whale, what then? What happens if its existence is proven and catalogued by Caddy Scan or some future effort?

Walton is of two minds.

Though he'd obviously like to see the creature first-hand, he's concerned about the possible ramifications of publicity and media attention.

"With Loch Ness, Bigfoot and Ogopogo, there are a ton of media and it's very difficult to do research. People kind of shy away from that stuff and they don't want to be a part of it," Walton says. "We just want to see it. I really would like to see a sea serpent."

Despite the fact that the three chief Caddy researchers haven't seen the creature

themselves and despite the fact that they are often subject to the amused disdain of those around them, they don't show any signs of stopping the search.

Caddy Scan is going ahead this summer and next, and Walton says he's always looking for more homeowners willing to have a camera set up on their property.

The more cameras there are, the more coverage there is--and the greater the chance of seeing Caddy.

Prosecutor Opens Echelon Probe

(Verena Von Derschau.c The Associated Press)

PARIS (AP) - A French prosecutor has opened a preliminary investigation into a U.S.-led spy network that has left many Europeans suspicious that their businesses are being monitored, judicial sources said Tuesday.

Paris prosecutor Jean-Pierre Dintilhac in May asked the DST, France's internal security service, to carry out the preliminary inquiry, according to a report in Tuesday's Le Figaro newspaper. The report was confirmed by judicial sources who spoke on condition they not be named.

The Echelon issue surfaced in February when a European Parliament report discussed the existence and activities of the network, whose members also include Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

It said Echelon has surveillance-interception stations across the globe that intercept "billions of messages per hour," including telephone calls, fax transmissions and private e-mails.

The report by British investigative journalist Duncan Campbell was presented to the EU assembly. It urged the EU to take action against unwanted interception of communications, insisting that this violated human rights and could be used for industrial espionage.

The United States and Britain have offered reassurances that Echelon is not involved in economic espionage.

But some Europeans remain concerned that the network may be compromising businesses, and many European parliament members have asked for a deeper probe. On Wednesday, EU lawmakers are expected to decide whether to create a temporary inquiry commission on Echelon, Le Figaro said.

FROM AROUND THE WORLD...AND BEYOND!!!

UFOs, conspiracies, fortune and paranormal events compiled by Dave Baker

ASTRONAUT REVEALS NASA MIND CONTROL PROGRAM INVOLVING CHILDREN

(By Andrew D. Basiago, Sightings.com)

LOS ANGELES – Astronaut Gordon Cooper, one of the original seven Mercury astronauts, has confirmed the existence of a mind control program administered by NASA in the 1950's and 1960's involving gifted American schoolchildren.

The astronaut's revelation was made during a July 19th interview with Mike Siegel, host of the popular radio programme, *Coast to Coast*.

During a discussion that primarily focused on Cooper's belief that extraterrestrial beings are visiting planet Earth, Siegel asked Cooper: "Who were the space kids?"

Cooper answered that "the space kids were children with exceptional mental abilities run through a kind of MK program, like the things that are coming out now."

He went on to describe how NASA's mind control program emphasized development of the children's psychic abilities and involved exercises in telepathy, remote viewing, and out-of-body-experiences (OBE's).

Cooper's remarks confirm the claims of a growing group of Americans, now in their thirties, forties, and fifties, who are recovering memories of their involvement in unusual classes as young children growing up in the advent of the Space Age.

These "study groups" included such things as advanced speed reading training that enabled students to read entire passages at a glance, the use of learning machines, card games and other situational exercises involving clairvoyance, seminars in the guided imagination associated with remote viewing, and tutoring in a hieroglyphic alphabet that author Fritz Springmeier has identified as a set of intergalactic symbols designed by NASA for communication with extraterrestrial civilizations.

The accounts of some individuals suggest that

in some cases, the children involved were given drugs to enhance memory and learning and physically spun on table top-like devices to induce the altered state of consciousness associated with OBE's.

Cooper's book, *Leap of Faith*, will be released in August.

GHOSTLY SOUND OF SILENCE

(Matthew Cooper, PA News)

University researchers today claimed to have uncovered further evidence that inaudible sounds can leave people feeling haunted in spooky surroundings.

The team at Coventry University said an experiment conducted in a 14th century cellar in the city lent further weight to a theory that uneasiness caused by infrasound may lead people to feel ghostly "presences" or catch glimpses of apparitions.

Researcher Vic Tandy said the study uncovered infrasound in the cellar, beneath a tourist information office, at a frequency previously recorded in a "haunted" laboratory.

Mr Tandy said inaudible noise at around 19 Hertz was recorded using a precision sound-level meter, the same level found in the laboratory during a previous study.

The 45-year-old, who works in the university's international studies department, said: "For a number of years infrasound at certain frequencies has been known to cause feelings of nausea and unease.

"It would appear that the presence of infrasound can reasonably be held responsible for a lot of reported ghostly activity and unease experienced in certain buildings."

UFO WATCHTOWER GETS VISIT FROM GLOWING LIGHT IN THE SKY

(Deborah Frazier, Scripps Howard News Service July 24, 2000)

HOOPER, Colorado, USA. - When Judy Messoline opened her UFO Watchtower in June, she never expected them to come.

But they did come.

A bronze, cigar-shaped light glowed, hovered and sped away late one night in late June, Messoline said. It was about 11 p.m., and Messoline was up on the watchtower with a few customers.

"It was there and then it ... was gone," said Messoline, who moved to Hooper from Golden about five years ago. "At first I was hesitant to mention it, but the other people in the tower with me saw it too."

Despite the incident, Messoline isn't a believer -yet.

"It does make you wonder," she said. Her longtime partner, Stan Becker, doesn't believe it was a UFO. He once had a large flying object with a bright glow hover over his car while he was driving across New Mexico. The experience made him a believer until he spotted the letters "USAF" on the underbelly of the jet.

The UFO Watchtower, a 10-foot-high observation deck with a 50-person capacity atop a geodesic dome, opened on Memorial Day.

Some days, only a couple of people stop by - for soda and chips. Other days, more than 100 people drop in to take pictures, tell Messoline stories about alien sightings and encounters, buy extraterrestrial-themed gifts, camp overnight, share UFO pictures and relate abduction experiences.

"Everyone has a story," Messoline said. "The serious ones come in the evenings."

Some even pay the \$2 fee she charges to go up onto the tower.

"We wanted to see if the tower has had any sightings because there have been a lot of stories about UFO sightings in this area," said

Ryan Temple of Santa Fe, N.M., who stopped by for a look with his wife, Wendy.

"I think they should mount a video camera up there and have it running all the time," Temple suggested, speaking in all seriousness.

Sightings of UFOs in the area go back to the 1940s. The Mysterious Valley Forum, dedicated to research and education about unearthly events, is a few miles from the tower's door.

Messoline has never made an 'alien sighting' guarantee.

"If people can come here and have a giggle, great," she said. "If they see something, wonderful. But if they don't, it's still an experience."

However, there has been a surge of sightings in the last few months, O'Brien said.

Hooper, a small, rural town that values family, work, church and school, isn't exactly a hotbed of cosmic cowboys. Fewer than 100 folks live there.

Candace Knolan, who lives in Hooper and owns a jewelry store, said she never thought about aliens and UFOs until she moved to the San Luis Valley seven years ago and started seeing "a lot of interesting things in the sky."

In early June, she went to the tower. That night, she saw a circular object in the sky with red, white and teal lights respond to one of the observers who blinked a powerful flashlight.

"One of the guys went 'blink blink' with the flashlight. The object blinked back twice," Knolan said. "The guy with the flashlight went 'blink blink' again and the thing moved across the sky and went 'blink blink' too."

The double-blink exchange occurred three times before the light in the sky vanished, she said.

"It blew me away," Knolan said.

A few hundred feet from the tower are two large craters sunk in the range. Messoline put up a guardrail and posted a convincing sign that declares: 'UFO Parking Only' at one end. At the other end the sign reads, 'UFO Handicapped Parking.'

So far, nothing and no one has landed in either parking spot.

That's OK with Messoline. She never expected to see an unidentified flying object or a flying saucer or an alien.

Messoline expected to have a business that paid at least as much as her job at a local convenience store. And she was looking forward to giggling a lot.

She is giggling a lot, even when she says she hesitates to kill flies because they could be aliens. She, Becker and her grandson, Joshua, made a UFO float for a Fourth of July parade that drew cheers and applause.

"This has been a real kick," Messoline said.

BUMPER YEAR FOR SIGHTINGS OF SASQUATCH

(Andrew DeMillo, *Seattle Times*, Washington, USA, July 13, 2000)

It's been 44 years since Cliff Crook said he first saw the legendary beast known as a sasquatch emerge from the deep woods of Washington and tramp into the middle of his campsite. He says the image still gives him chills today, as does this summer's spate of reported Bigfoot sightings across the Pacific Northwest.

In his four decades trailing the bearded creature said to roam the forests of the Northwest, the 59-year-old 'Bigfoot tracker' can't remember a summer as active as this one.

"These are some pretty exciting finds," said Crook.

Park rangers and police say the upswing in reported sightings is just another instance of nature playing tricks on the eyes of hikers and hunters who mistake shadows of tree stumps or animals. However, Crook and teams of Bigfoot trackers and enthusiasts around the country say this very well could be the summer of sasquatch.

Crook's Bigfoot Central - a tracking and research center based out of his Bothell home - has logged 11 sightings in the Pacific Northwest since May, a record number, he said.

Most have come from Washington, according to Thom Powell, northwest curator of the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization, based in Los Angeles. The nationwide network of

trackers, scientists and enthusiasts also has received a record number - more than a dozen reports in the past two months, Powell said.

"Washington seems to be the most active spot around right now," said Powell, a middle-school science teacher in Portland. Attention has been focused on a report from the Hoh Reservation on the Olympic Peninsula, as well as a reported sighting by an Oregon psychologist hiking in the Oregon Caves National Monument in that state's southwestern corner.

Mary C. Williams, who lives on the Hoh Reservation, said she and her husband noticed a set of curiously large footprints behind their home. She said her husband heard an intense banging sound and found animal hairs near the prints.

"It really surprised me and the rest of the folks around here," Williams said. "Just think how long they've been around here for."

An official with the Bureau of Indian Affairs said the agency looked into the report but was skeptical. "There is something big going through their yards, but it's most likely a bear," said Indian Affairs' Scott Small.

But Oregon psychologist Matthew Johnson, who had never thought much about sasquatches, said he's sure what he saw while hiking with his family July 1 at the Oregon Caves National Monument was anything but a bear. Johnson, who lived in Alaska 20 years, said he knows the difference between a grizzly or black bear and a sasquatch.

"This was it, Bigfoot," he said. "It was this tall hairy animal poking through the woods at us."

Since Johnson's reported sighting, which was widely reported in news accounts, the park has been getting several calls a day from media representatives and visitors interested in the sighting, said Craig Akerman, superintendent of Oregon Caves. "I would just prefer that we would get attention for the park itself," he said. "Not for Bigfoot."

NEW MOON DISCOVERED ORBITING JUPITER

(www.space.com, Andrew Bridges, Pasadena Bureau Chief, 21 July 2000)

Careful observational work has turned up a new moon of Jupiter - the 17th, and latest to

be discovered orbiting the planet since Galileo first peered at the gas giant in 1610.

Astronomers working with the Spacewatch program at the University of Arizona spotted the moon, provisionally dubbed S/1999 J 1, over the course of 14 observations made between October 6 and November 4, 1999.

The new moon can be seen moving up and to the left in these three images as it orbits Jupiter. credit: Spacewatch/Minor Planet Center

At first, the astronomers suspected the object was a comet, but further calculations of its orbit - completed with the assistance of scientists at the Minor Planet Center at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory - led them to conclude it was indeed a tiny moon.

Jupiter's Moon Watch animation of Jupiter's newly discovered moon.

"When I saw its position, I said, 'That's near Jupiter. That isn't a satellite, is it?'" Brian Marsden, the Minor Planet Center's director, said.

If confirmed by further observations, the tiny moon would be the first Jovian satellite to be discovered since the spacecraft Voyager turned up three during its 1979 visit to the planet.

"Some new measurements of the position of the object in the next two to three months would probably nail it," said Robert S. McMillan, Spacewatch's principal investigator.

The tiny moon, perhaps only 3 miles (5 kilometers) across, would become the ninth of Jupiter's known outer satellites, and the fifth of those to have a retrograde, or backward, orbit. The planet also has eight inner moons, including the four satellites first spotted by Galileo.

Could this moon be a captured comet? Hear an interview with Joe Montani, one of the Spacewatch astronomers who helped discover the new Jovian moon.

The newly discovered moon could well become the smallest moon known to orbit a major planet. (Asteroid 243 Ida's satellite Dactyl, for example, is smaller.)

Along with its four retrograde satellite sisters,

Ananke, Carme, Sinope and Pasiphae, the new moon circles the planet in an irregular orbit 15 million miles (24 million kilometers) out. The moon takes an estimated 774 days to orbit the planet apparently making it the outermost of the planet's 17 natural satellites.

If confirmed, the new moon would likely be named after a figure from Greek mythology associated with - typically a lover of - the god Jupiter.

LITTLE GREEN MEN OR THE AIR FORCE?

(Charles Smith, *WorldNetDaily* July 12, 2000)

The Freedom of Information Act is wonderful when it comes to unexplained reports of extraterrestrial visits. The Federation of American Scientists, a Washington-based science advocacy group, recently discovered through the Freedom of Information Act that reports of UFO activity also corresponded with the flights of top-secret American spy aircraft.

In the 1960s, the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. Air Force worked very hard to generate UFO cover stories for secret aircraft. The result was a hysterical joke on the world that echoes through to this day.

Keep in mind; this was during the height of the Cold War when the USA and USSR were on the verge of nuclear combat. The aircraft involved were certainly alien with their incredible performance. The silver long-winged U-2 aircraft could fly 14 miles high and stay aloft for hours, while the blackened, delta-shaped SR-71 could fly even higher at speeds exceeding 2,000 miles an hour.

Flying a UFO can also be hazardous to your health. Brave U-2 and SR-71 crews flew mission after mission over Russia, China, Cuba, Israel, Germany, Korea, Vietnam and other hot global spots. Most came home safe. Some lost their lives. Many veterans still suffer today from the long-term effects of space flight in the early, unshielded aircraft.

Today, the SR-71 Blackbird has been retired, relegated to the history books and removed from active service. The highflying U-2 lives on in an improved version called the TR-1. Yet, there are rumors of even more exotic vehicles that still await the first public viewing. The stories of UFOs and UFO-like performance continue to persist, along with missing billions in the world of black projects.

The first rumors of a follow-on aircraft to the Blackbird came at the end of the Cold War. Reports of a high-flying aircraft using the call sign "Stove-pipe" became the now-legendary "Aurora" project. Although, never publicly confirmed to exist, Aurora has been sighted and photographed escorting U.S. strike aircraft.

The large diamond shaped aircraft is reported to be capable of exceeding 8,000 miles an hour and was originally designed to attack Moscow with nuclear bombs. Aurora's extreme performance does not come cheap. Aurora is also reported to be more expensive than a Space Shuttle.

Some of the experimental U.S. aircraft tested during the Cold War obtained their performance using propulsion systems driven with volatile and dangerous fuels. One secret U.S. project included an atomic ramjet. The deadly engine, a radioactive ramjet, heated air in the radioactive core of a miniature atomic reactor. The atomic jet engine was developed to fly a giant missile carrying a multi-megaton thermonuclear bomb deep into the Soviet Union. The atomic ramjet was never deployed but U.S. nuclear engineers did successfully test the lethal radioactive engine in the open desert air before the project was finally cancelled.

How about an invisible airplane? Stealth aircraft such as the B-2 and the F-117A are not new. It is well known that the B-2 and F-117A are practically invisible to radar but the aircraft themselves can be seen. One reported robot plane project was also nearly invisible to the naked eye in broad daylight.

Ironically, the concept is not new. In the 1940s, the U.S. Navy developed operation "Yahootie" the first practical attempt to create an invisible aircraft. U.S. Navy bombers were considered too slow to visually spot a German U-boat cruising on the surface and attack in daylight. Submarine commanders often spotted the lumbering bombers and dove safely away before the planes could attack.

In response, a string of bright lights were arrayed on the wings and propeller hubs of the sub-hunter planes. The bomber crews adjusted the lights to match the natural background light behind the aircraft, masking itself against the sky. The so-called "isoluminous" principle is based upon the perception that different objects displaying the same brightness seem indistinguishable from each other. The principle worked very

well until 1942, when the Navy introduced airborne radar, allowing bombers to spot and kill submarines beyond visual ranges.

Yahootie returns? An advanced version of Yahootie, a robot driven surveillance aircraft is reported to use a combination of lights, low noise engines, and radar absorbing skin to render itself practically invisible in daylight. The robot aircraft is not only invisible to radar but its skin is layered with an array of high intensity lights that broadcast the same output as the sky around it.

Still, what good is an invisible flying saucer without a ray gun? The USAF is already working on the ABL or "Airborne Laser" project. The concept is simple; mate a Boeing 747 with the most powerful laser the huge airliner can carry. The result, according to the Air Force, is a plane that can knock down hostile ballistic missiles from hundreds of miles away.

The ABL project is well under way toward an early test and looks very promising. So promising that, according to Aviation Week and Space Technology, the Russians have demanded they be allowed to fly on-board any active ABL 747 to make sure it does not target Russian missiles, in violation of the SALT treaties. Russia has also been working for many years on laser projects. The Defense Intelligence Agency recently made public drawings of Russian anti-satellite and anti-missile laser systems in test.

However, it appears the U.S. Air Force is not too worried about the Russians. Instead, the Air Force is keeping a budgetary laser eye focused on the U.S. Marine Corps. The U.S. Marines, ever quick to catch on, have proposed arming the new Joint Strike Fighter with a laser weapon. The Air Force views the Marine concept as a threat to the ABL budget.

It would seem that the only hostile actions between blue and green are not extraterrestrials doing battle for control of the earth, but military officers inside the Pentagon fighting over budget figures. We know more about Mars than the black accounts inside the Pentagon books. I am here to assure you there are no UFOs; it's all a Hollywood fantasy and a CIA conspiracy.

So, The next time you see a UFO, don't look up; it's one of ours.

THE "CHESHIRE VIDEO": A UFOIN STATEMENT

By Jenny Randles

In recent weeks there has been much discussion about what has been hailed as a highly significant piece of video taken in Hartford, Cheshire, UK on 9 July 2000. Press releases by Tim Matthews and Eric Morris of the BUFOSC, a small Cheshire based UFO group, have reported that these daylight images are amongst the best footage ever taken.

UFOIN has been carefully investigating the circumstances surrounding this case since before the press releases were sent around the world and been collecting considerable evidence. Whilst we are willing to accept that this case may have been sincerely reported we are not able to endorse the significance of this footage in terms of useful scientific evidence for anything unexplained.

In our opinion a fairly typical piece of daylight video of an undefined object has been promoted well beyond its importance. We would not speculate on the motives for this, of course, but would point out that very little hard evidence of investigation or useful case data has been made available and that we have seen nothing as yet that persuades us that the object could not be a balloon. The object appears of only modest size, is below low cloud and moves slowly in a manner not inconsistent with this possibility. It is the opinion expressed to us by over 90% of experienced UFOlogists who have seen the footage. Other comments include "it could be anything" and "not up to much".

Even if the balloon diagnosis ultimately proves incorrect, the footage cannot, in our opinion, justify the label of being important scientific evidence and resembles many other similar pieces taken all over the world - few of which have been given such a degree of spin doctoring.

Allegations in some sources about air band radio messages and an aircraft possibly being scrambled out of the way have not been verified by our investigations with nearby Manchester air traffic control. They informed us that they made no radar tracking, were advised of no sightings by inbound or outbound air crew and had no knowledge of air

traffic being moved out of the path of any UFO that day. In the absence of contrary evidence that seems to suggest that this aspect of the case should not be considered of further interest.

UFOIN intends to keep on top of this case and has uncovered many other enlightening details. We suggest that you observe our web www.ufoin.org.uk in order to see new messages that update our findings. And in the meantime observe a cautious approach to this case beyond considering it as just another piece of unverified evidence.

Editor's note

If any readers of Project Red Book have seen the video, YUFOS and UFOIN would be interested to hear your views...

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UFOs- THE KEY TURNING POINT (PART 2)

BY W.H. BOOKER (YUFOS)

Is it possible through the wisdom of man to bring some successful order and useful information out of the chaos of the past 50 years of research? Or has this research already been accomplished? Are we being kept "in the dark?" Has this secret formula already been discovered? 'Undercover investigators' claim that the military are resting UFO-type craft in the remote regions of the USA.

What would be the implications of such a discovery? The realisation of such an event would be unpredictable. What would be the role of scientists, major governments and the decision-makers? The discovery of this 'super-energy' could even be catastrophic. Wars could be fought for such knowledge. It needs careful consideration by all governments to regulate the release of such knowledge over a period of many years.

But let us return to this jigsaw, eliminating all the negative pieces, sifting through the positive, until we have some reliable shapes of scientific evidence.

TIME

Our time is regulated by the Earth's movement. Revolving, giving us night and day, and its orbit around the sun in 365 days giving us 1 year. We have adapted ourselves to these times and seasons over thousands of years. Not just humans, but all animal and plant life both tropical and antarctic. We have all become accustomed to the environment we live in.

If we can stop and think about other worlds or planets, their time could be totally different from ours. Their days could be as long as our week, or even months. They might not have seasons; it could be permanently cold or hot all of the time. Their atmosphere could also be completely different. Their gravity much stronger or weaker. To any living animals, or aliens from these other planets, our time, atmosphere and gravitational effect could make it very difficult for them to adapt or even breathe. Considering our own system is so polluted with harmful gasses, fumes from burning oils and chemicals, it is surprising that we live to the age that we do, but of course

many of us suffer from the contamination on the way.

Time never stops. It moves on relentlessly of whatever happens in time and space. If we think about it, time is our most valuable item- it cannot be changed, or purchased at any price.

There is, of course the loss-of-time experiences during close encounters or abductions. This is however the psychological side of time, the subconscious or unconscious elements of the mind. As we are aware, time moves on while we sleep, but we are not conscious of this while we sleep.

According to Albert Einstein, space and time are inextricably linked. Gravity, produced by curves in "space-time", can bend light and one effect of travelling at the speed of light is that time slows down. Bizarre as this may seem, these conclusions have been confirmed through experiment.

VISION & LIGHT

The next on my list is vision. What we actually see with our eyes is only a very narrow band of light waves; electromagnetic frequencies made up of colours- the same colours that we see in the rainbow. Light occupies an octave of the electromagnetic spectrum around 600 million mhz. The colours vary from the lower frequency, red, through to the higher frequency, blue or violet. There are of course the other very close frequencies to light we don't see, that is the infra-red and ultra-violet, plus many more such as heat rays then going much higher in frequency to gamma, x-rays and cosmic rays. All of these are invisible to us, but are all produced by our sun- some of which are very dangerous, but filtered out on entering our atmosphere.

There have been numerous reports of UFOs disappearing before our very eyes. This could possibly be explained by the UFO generating a very strong light of visible frequency such as red, orange, green, yellow, blue etc, then changing to a higher or lower frequency thus disappearing from view.

Everyone knows how important human eyes are, being an extension of the brain. They are among our most sensitive and vulnerable organs. The human eye, is in fact a kind of radio receiver. Visible light is a form of electromagnetic radiation and picking up these minute vibrations are no less than 125 million light-sensitive cells in each eye. The nerve cells in the eye have two sets of receptors that send signals to the brain. These receptors are astonishingly sensitive; in total darkness the human eye can detect the light of a solitary candle positioned five miles away.

But we also know that we don't have to have our eyes open to see a picture. We can close our eyes and form our own or any picture mentally. As we all know, we also form our own pictures in sleep, as in our dreams. Rather than delve any further I will leave the psychologists to ponder any deeper mental characteristics.

I mentioned earlier that our eyes are a form of extension of the brain- or two brains, one left and one right. The right brain "sees" objects in the left field of vision, and the left brain "sees" objects in the right field of vision. Experiments have been able to design ingenious split-screen techniques to ensure that only one side of the brain receives a particular piece of information. In this way they can compare left-side and right-side responses to the same object. Left-handed people use the right hemisphere of the brain, and right-handed people use the left hemisphere.

The pupil of the eye offers a valid indication of the state of the nervous system as a whole. Psychologists have noted that when students are given a maths problem to solve, their pupils dilate and remain dilated until the problem is solved. At the same time, their hearts beat faster and they display other signs of nervousness. Taste and smell can also affect the behaviour of the pupil. Our eyes are also affected on going out from a brightly-lit room into the dark, but this usually takes a few minutes to adjust. So whatever we see, taste, smell or touch, it is our brain that tells us what it is or what it should be. We all know just how complicated the brain is, but did you know that we only use 1/3 of our brain...what is the other 2/3 used for?

Going back to the narrow spectrum of light that our eyes can record, there are times when we see things disappear from sight, such as the spokes of a wheel revolving at different

speeds, 'plane props revolving at high speed or the coloured dots and lines that make up a TV picture, which are moving too fast for the eye to detect.

Infra-red radiation from a warm or hot object cannot be seen but it can be detected by the heat we can feel emitting from it. It can also be detected by phototransistors. At the other end of the spectrum, the ultra-violet rays produced by very hot objects like the Sun, or electrical discharges such as from arc lamps etc which can give us a suntan, plus produce fluorescence in some materials. It will also affect a photographic film, as will x-rays and gamma rays.

As we now know light waves are electromagnetic waves the same as radio waves and can be reflected in similar ways. Low, medium and high frequency radio waves are reflected by ionized gases above the earth. Very high ultra-frequency radio waves follow the same path as light waves- in a straight line. Only under special conditions do these higher frequencies get reflected back to Earth- during Sun-spot cycles, auroras, meteorite showers etc.

The other effect of radio waves is that they can pass through brick or stone walls, buildings etc, unlike light waves. Light waves are easily reflected by a mirror or water. A white surface will reflect a large percentage of light- in a photographic studio, for example, flood-lamps are directed onto white walls. With a black surface, light has the opposite effect, absorbing light very much so at the infra-red end, the heat rays. Just try holding onto a black steering wheel in a car when it has been exposed to the sun for a while! This principle is used to good effect in solar heating units, with copper tubing (a good conductor) which is painted black in a sealed unit under glass, with water passing through pipes and heated by the Sun's rays. At the same time we know very well how the Sun's rays can be concentrated on any fusible object through a glass lens to start a fire.

Objects can only be seen if light reflected from them or given off by them reaches the eye. If you enter a room in total darkness you would not be able to see any object or colours. If the four walls were painted different colours, say red, blue, green and white, you would not know one from the other until you turned on a torch. Then you would see the colours and any objects but at various levels of intensity, the greatest being when the torchlight shone onto the white wall, giving the greatest reflection.

When we look up into the night sky on a clear night, we see the reflection of our own Sun on the Moon, Jupiter, Mars and Venus etc. But the other stars we see in their hundreds and thousands are Suns themselves, many many light years away, some of them many hundreds or times larger than our own Sun.

The light from nearly all the stars and galaxies exhibit a shift in light towards the red end of the spectrum. This red shift means these bodies are receding or moving away from us. The Andromeda galaxy however, exhibits a blue shift, which means it is approaching us. But don't worry- this giant galaxy is 2 and a half million light years away. This shift is called the doppler effect, and is similar to sound waves receding (getting lower in tone or pitch) or approaching (getting higher in tone or pitch), just like a train whistle on the old steam trains.

I know you must be thinking, "What has all of this got to do with UFOs?" It is an unconventional approach I know, but we have to cover a very wide area, with quite a number of different subjects, each one linked together like a giant jigsaw. I have only covered these subjects briefly, but to go into each one more deeply would require someone with a degree or academic award – which I do not possess! But I hope that by bringing these subjects from the depth of the ocean to the surface it will stimulate and stretch the brain cells a little and promote further discussion and enlightenment.

SOUND

I would now like us to try and analyse why, in the many hundreds and thousands of close sightings, there is often an absence of sound.

Sound effects upon the ear are created by air vibrating with a frequency of between 20hz (hertz) and 20khz (20,000hz). More generally, sound waves are caused by vibrations through a medium (gas, air, or solid). Sound waves cannot travel in a vacuum.

Animals can hear a range of frequencies that humans are unable to detect. One example of course are dogs, which can hear very high-pitched whistles. At the other end of the scale we find elephants communicating by using sounds of such a low frequency that the human ear is also incapable of detecting them. Scientists, using sophisticated ultra-sonic or sub-sonic recording equipment have observed

elephants communicating in this way. The normal elephant trumpeting, growling and rumbling sounds do not travel far due to shrubs and trees etc, but inaudible low frequency sounds carry far greater distances than high frequency.

Ultra-sonic is a term used to describe sound waves that are above 20khz. These waves, also known as ultra-sound are widely used in medicine, scientific research and industry.

The speed of sound travels at approx. 350 m/s. This speed increases with temperature, but is unaffected by pressure. Intensity of sound is measured in decibels (db). Ordinary conversation might register at 40-50db, traffic at 80db, thunder 100db and jet aircraft can exceed 125db.

It has been observed in many sightings that animals near the encounter area become unsettled before any UFOs are actually spotted by humans. I consider that to confirm that there may be some form of high-frequency waves produced by UFOs. It would not be too difficult to detect these waves with the correct sort of equipment should we be able to get close enough to record the frequency.

Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world, dating back to at least 8,000 BC., had immense walls, 12-15 feet thick, built by the giant Anakim. Priests and the army- thousands of them- went in front of the ark and blew their trumpets and rams horns, and raised a great noise by shouting, and the walls of the city collapsed.

What truth is there in the existence of ancient cultures using sound waves? One legend has the placing of papyrus under large stones, striking the stones with a wand, and the stones rising and moving into place while using some sort of sound waves. If we could find any firm evidence of this, it may well solve all the mysteries of how the pyramids and other giant stone structures were built, mysteries which have puzzled mankind for thousands of years.

There have been many theories on how the pyramids were built. Using thousands of slaves to move the giant stones would have taken decades. Even now with all of our modern equipment and knowledge, no contractor would even attempt to try.

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CROP CIRCLES VEX FARMERS

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Wiltshire, England is a well-known hotspot for crop circles each year (this year is no exception), and farmers in the region are becoming increasingly irritated at the phenomena that show up in fields around the area.

Increasingly irritated may be an understatement, according to accounts from the Wiltshire Times newspaper, which says the farmers are "in a fury" over the damage hoaxers, visitors, and others are causing in their fields.

"Farmers are claiming hoaxers cause thousands of pounds worth of damage by making crop circles and encouraging people to walk across fields and trample the crops," said the newspaper. Although puzzled on how the circles are made, many of the farmers believe the intricate formations are a hoax—i.e., not created by alien life-forms—and they want the hoaxers to stop.

Some who farm in the Marlborough and Devizes areas who have had formations regularly in their growing crops, said they are all a hoax. They are now appealing to whoever is responsible to stop.

"These people who make the crop patterns think they have a God-given right to walk in your fields. We are dealing with some very clever people who make them and who probably spend all winter producing the designs on computers," one farmer complained to the newspaper.

Another isn't pleased with aerial spotters who fly around documenting the circles with photographs. "During most summer evenings we are buzzed continuously by helicopters, light aircraft and microlights just going round in circles looking at the patterns or photographing them," he said. "It is big business for these people who are making cash out of it from things like coach tours and bed and breakfasts."

But, said the Times, "crop circle expert Francine Blake, who ran a two-day conference in Devizes, said while some of the patterns are hoaxes she believes most are genuine."

And over the weekend, veteran paranormal researcher Linda Moulton Howe appeared on Whitley Streiber's *Dreamland* radio program with two other circle researchers who said they believe it doesn't matter whether the circles are real or hoaxes—they still create electro-magnetic energy by their very presence. The *Dreamland* guests noted several sites they had tested for electrical energy, and found evidence of this phenomenon even in circles known to be manmade.

And meanwhile in Ohio, residents in Bainbridge were befuddled by a series of circles that appeared in the wheat fields at Roscoe and Elizabeth Swartz' farm.

UFO Roundup's weekly newsletter described the incident as reported in the Chillicothe, Ohio Gazette in July as "three genuine crop circles" that were "geometrically perfect." No evidence of machinery, tyre tracks or access was found. Said Swartz, "I don't know how anyone could have gotten in or out; nothing's knocked down and there are no tracks. It's a phenomenon we just can't explain. One of the circles is nearly 40 feet in diameter, but it is the other two that appear the most interesting. They contain an inner circle of about 30 feet in diameter and an outer ring of about three feet in width that encompasses the entire circle. Two 'concentric circles' if you will."

"Some possible, albeit not plausible, reasons for the appearance include but are not limited to aliens, Druids, Native American mysticism, the recent summer solstice and maybe they are mainly the work of a resourceful and clever prankster," said Swartz, who also noted that the circles are close to a former Hopewell Indian religious site known as the Seip Mounds.

"I think maybe we were invaded by the Druids," Swartz said, but confessed that his wife has had recent dreams about UFOs. The newspaper said that, unlike her husband, Mrs. Swartz seemed dubious to commit herself to the question of the crop circles' origin. "Whether it's a hoax or not, it's still well done; I'd better not mention UFOs," she said.